family disputes through conciliation rather than through conventional legal procedures.

Closed Industrial Units

568. SHRI AMARPROSAD CHAKRABORTY
SHRI S. W. DHABE:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) how many small scale Industrial units have been closed in the country during the alst three years uptil now State-wise;

(b) since when they are closed; and

(d) what steps Government are taking to help in restarting them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI ARIF MOHD. KHAN): (a) and (b) The information regarding the industrial units lying closed in the country and details pertaining to them are not centrally maintained in the Ministry. However, information which is centrally collected by the Ministry of Labour on factories registered under the Factories Act, 1948, which are lying closed for long or short duration is given in standard tabulated forms published in the Indian Labour Journal, which is a monthly publication of the Labour Bureau, Government of India. Copies of the publication are available in the Parliament House Library.

(c) Government have already issued certain policy guidelines on revival of sick industries in October, 1981. The salient features of these guidelines have already been furnished in reply to Rajya Sabha Unstarred Question No. 700 on 15-7-1982.

Observation by former Chief Justice of India on judicial reforms

569. SHRI S. W. DHABE:
SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the observations made by former Chief Justice of Supreme Court of India Mr. Y. V. Chandrachud in his interview which appeared in 'Indian Express' of New Delhi, dated the 7th July, 1985 about the need for judicial reforms; and

(b) if so, what steps Government are going to take to reform the judicial system and solve the problem of arrears of cases?

THE MINISTER OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI ASOKE KUMAR SEN): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) The proposal regarding setting up of a Commission on Judicial Reforms is under active consideration of the Government.

Assets and profits of 20 largest Industrial Houses

570. SHRIMATI KANAK MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state the total profits, turn-over and assets of 20 largest industrial houses in the country in 1972 and in 1983?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI ARIF MOHD. KHAN): The total profits before tax, turnover and assets of the 20 largest industrial houses in 1972 and 1983, ranked ac-

cording to their assets in the respective years are given below:

(*Rs. in crores*)

	1972*	1983*
1. Profits before Tax	237.72	704.83
2. Turn-over	3505 92	16585 49
3. Assets	3122 68	13379.61

*Figures for 1972 and 1983 relate to undertakings registered under the MRTP Act as on 30-6-1978 and 31-12-1983 respectively.

Taking over sick and closed units

571. SHRI KAPIL VERMA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state

(a) how soon the Government propose to introduce a legislation providing for setting up of a board for industrial and financial reconstruction for tackling the problem of industrial sickness and what will be its main features;

(b) what is the Government's policy for nationalisation of taking over of sick or closed units; and

(c) what steps are being taken by the Government to prevent the malpractices by industrialists in this respect?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI ARIF MOHD. KHAN): (a) The legislation in this regard has not yet been finalised.

(b) The salient features of the Government Policy in this regard have already been furnished in reply to Rajya Sabha Unstarred Question No. 700 on 15-7-1982.

(c) There are already existing provisions under the Companies Act and the Indian Penal Code with regard to action that may be taken against malpractices by industrialists.

Forest-based industry in Phulbani

572. SHRI JAGADISH JANI: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Phulbani district in Orissa has an immense potential of forest-based industries and

(b) if so, what measures have been taken by Government to set up forest based industries in the district so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI ARIF MOHD. KHAN): (a) Phulbani District in the State of Orissa has large forest areas of timber value but does not produce items like bamboo and other hard wood varieties.

(b) Budh Khondamals (Phulbani) has been classified as Category 'A' backward area for purposes of grant of Central investment subsidy and concessional finance. District Phulbani does not have any railway facility and has to be approached through Ghat road except for a small stretch alongside Mahanadi river in Boudh Sub-Division. The State Government is formulating proposals to develop infrastrucural facilities in the district.

बन्द औद्योगिक एककों के बारे में सर्वेक्षण

573. श्री प्यारे लाल खंडेलवाला : क्या उद्योग और कम्पनी कार्य मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या केन्द्रीय सरकार दिल्ली, मध्य प्रदेश तथा देश के अन्य भागों में बन्द औद्योगिक एककों का सर्वेक्षण करा रही है; और